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Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1713th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building)

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

3 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 129 (Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011: Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/65/676 and A/65/767)); and

Agenda item 135 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/65/34 and A/65/718))

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3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on: *Agenda item 129* (Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011: Capital master plan (A/65/511, A/65/511/Add.1, A/65/5 (Vol. V), A/65/296 (Chap. III), A/65/725, A/65/271 (Part I) (Sect. IV A) and A/65/271 (Part I)/Add.1 (Sect. V B)))	

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2011 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Rooms 2 and C (NLB)
3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Rooms 2 and C (NLB)
	Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole	[6]

Plenary

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m.	221st meeting	Conference Room 2 (NLB)
	Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole	[6]
	Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session	[7]
	Other matters	[8]

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group of the Whole.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
	1. Harmonization of conditions of service	
	2. Executive meeting	

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group I (Procurement)
Twentieth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and first session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Open meeting	Conference Room 4 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Open meeting	Conference Room 4 (NLB)

General Assembly

Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee on the outcome of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, *today*, 18 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) *today*, 18 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Sweden (885 Second Avenue, 45th Floor), on the proposed financial regulations and rules for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNW/2011/5 and UNW/2011/5/Add.1 (to be issued)). An advance copy of the document, as well as the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed financial regulations and rules for the Entity (UNW/2011/7), can be consulted the following address <www.unwomen.org/about-us/governance/executive-board/>.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-seventh session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 18 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Economic and Social Council

Informal informal consultations

Informal informal consultations, convened by the Facilitator (Bahamas), on the report of the ninth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (E/2010/44), will be held *today*, 18 March 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Informal consultations on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on causes of conflict in Africa (under agenda item 62 (b) of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Day of the Human Space Flight" (under agenda item 50 of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 18 March 2011

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 21 March 2011

General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

10 a.m. . . . . 79th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/65/701); and Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/65/353): *joint debate* . . . . . [30 and 109]

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 25th meeting, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the management capacity of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/65/705), under agenda item 51, on Thursday, 24 March 2011, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 21 March 2011, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee on the outcome of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, as follows:

Monday, 21 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB);

Tuesday, 22 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB);

Wednesday, 23 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB);

Thursday, 24 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB); and

Friday, 25 March 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Second session

The second session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries will be held from Monday, 4, to Friday, 8 April 2011, at United Nations Headquarters. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/CONF.219/IPC/7.

Delegations wishing to participate in the work of the second session of the Preparatory Committee are kindly requested to forward the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Timur Alasaniya (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1531; room IN-608C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

All delegates are invited to consult relevant background information on the preparatory process at <www.un.org/wcm/content/site/ldc/home>. For more information, please contact Ms. Cinthya Marquez, OHRLLS (e-mail marquez1@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4509).

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Resumed first regular session

The resumed first regular session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will take place on Monday, 21 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB), to consider the proposed financial regulations and rules for UN-Women (UNW/2011/5 and UNW/2011/5/Add.1 (to be issued)), under agenda item 2 (Financial, budgetary and administrative matters).

Committee for Development Policy
Thirteenth session

The Committee for Development Policy will hold its thirteenth session (closed) from Monday, 21 to, Friday, 25 March 2011, in Conference Room 7 (NLB). The Committee will consider the 2011 annual ministerial review on the theme "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education". It will also discuss the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015; international migration in times of crisis; and, in preparation for the 2012 triennial review of the list of LDCs, the criteria used for the identification of LDCs. For further information, please contact Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kawamura@un.org).

Briefing

Members of the Committee for Development Policy, Professors Giovanni Andrea Cornia, Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Hans Opschoor and Frances Stewart, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the deliberations of the Committee on the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015, on Wednesday, 23 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Cortez, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail cortez@un.org).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-first session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-first session at Headquarters from Monday, 6, to Friday, 24 June 2011.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly, *no later than Friday, 20 May 2011*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248 of the Assembly. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Chair of the Commission on Population and Development, H.E. Mr. Brian G. Bowler (Malawi), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-fourth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 23 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-fourth session

The forty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 11, to Friday, 15 April 2011. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 11 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2011/1 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2011/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2011/cpd44.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Thursday, 7 April*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 1 (NLB) on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

The general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: fertility, reproductive health and development) will be held from Monday, 11, to Wednesday, 13 April 2011. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission, as of Tuesday, 22 March (Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4422; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Election of the Bureau of the forty-fifth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-fifth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-fourth session.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (8th plenary meeting) (under the chairmanship of Turkey)

Monday, 21 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

African Group (on Second Committee matters) (on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD))

Monday, 21 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

African Group (informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union (under agenda item 122 (a) of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly))

Wednesday, 23 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (open-ended Working Group on a possible WEOG rotation scheme for the Security Council) (under the chairmanship of San Marino)

Monday, 21 March 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

United Nations Development Programme (second meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2011*)

Wednesday, 30 March 2011, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 31 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — Mid-term review of the Hyogo Framework for Action and preparations for the third session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Mexico and Norway)

Monday, 21 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Elina Palm, UNISDR (e-mail palm@un.org); Mr. Jorge Laguna, Permanent Mission of Mexico (e-mail jlaguna@sre.gob.mx); or Mr. Gjermund Saether, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail gjs@mfa.no).]

Seminar on "A chorus of languages: Multilingualism, principles to actions" (on the occasion of French Language Day (20 March)) (co-organized by the International Organization of la Francophonie, the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY) and the United Nations Department of Public Information)

Monday, 21 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Ms. Portia Gama, UNU-ONY (e-mail gama@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Nowruz (21 March) (General Assembly resolution 64/253 (A/RES/64/253))

Panel discussion on "Nowruz and the Earth: Harmony between culture and nature" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Tajikistan)

Monday, 21 March 2011, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Millennium Plaza Hotel (Diplomat Ballroom).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Amir Hossein Hosseini, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (e-mail ah_hosseini@email.com; tel. 1 (212) 842-8223).]

Official commemorative ceremony of the International Day of Nowruz (co-organized by all the co-sponsors of General Assembly resolution 64/253)

Monday, 21 March 2011, at 6.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Amir Hossein Hosseini, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (e-mail ah_hosseini@email.com; tel. 1 (212) 842-8223).]

Special concert performance in celebration of the International Day of Nowruz (co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Turkey and the International Organization of Turkic Culture (TÜRKSOY))

Thursday, 24 March 2011, at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hikari Rodríguez, Department of Public Information (e-mail rodriguezh@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6069).]

DESA Development Seminar Series on "Outcome document of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (UNLDC IV): Framework issues and strategic concerns" (organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 22 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Cortez, DESA (e-mail cortez@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/>.]

Special events on the occasion of World Water Day (22 March) (General Assembly resolution 47/193 (A/RES/47/193))

Panel discussion on "Water for energy, energy for water" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the "Green Group" countries (Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Iceland, Singapore, Slovenia and the United Arab Emirates))

Tuesday, 22 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Tadej Furlan, Permanent Mission of Slovenia (e-mail tadej.furlan@gov.si; tel. 1 (212) 370-3007).]

Panel discussion on "Water challenges and problems for cities" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Germany, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Water Assessment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and South-South News)

Tuesday, 22 March 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan (e-mail tajikistan@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 207-3315).]

Informal interactive workshop on "Green economy — Opportunities and concerns" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Egypt, Gabon, Grenada, Hungary, Indonesia, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Sweden and Switzerland)

Wednesday, 23 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Natalie Ulrich, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail natalie.ulrich@eda.admin.ch).]

UNU Worldwide in New York Series on "Coping with global environmental change, disasters and security" (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Wednesday, 23 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building).

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Ms. Portia Gama, UNU-ONY (e-mail gama@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court (on Security Council resolution 1970 (S/RES/1970 (2011))) (with the President of the Assembly of States Parties, the Vice-President of the International Center for Transitional Justice and the Focal Point of the Friends of the International Criminal Court for the Security Council) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Finland)

Wednesday, 23 March 2011, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to permanent missions, permanent observer missions and non-governmental organizations. For further information, please contact Mr. Arto Haapea, Permanent Mission of Finland (e-mail arto.haapea@formin.fi; tel.1 (212) 821-0229).]

Special event on the occasion of the International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (24 March) (General Assembly resolution 65/196 (A/RES/65/196))

Panel discussion to commemorate the life and achievements of Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero (organized by the Permanent Mission of El Salvador)

Thursday, 24 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Mirna Farfán, Permanent Mission of El Salvador (e-mail mfarfan@rree.gob.sv; tel. 1 (212) 679-1616).]

Panel discussion on "Addressing economic and social justice and legal pluralism in conflict-affected societies" (for the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the rule of law and transitional justice in conflict and post-conflict societies) (organized by the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group, with the support of Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, and the International Development Law Organization)

Friday, 25 March 2011, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Mr. Sean Lees, Rule of Law Unit (e-mail lees@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2962).]

UNITAR workshop on effective public speaking and presentations skills

Thursday, 31 March 2011, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB) (*postponed*).

Friday, 1 April 2011, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB) (*postponed*).

OLA/UNITAR seminar on "International Treaty Law and Practice"

Tuesday, 12 April 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB); and

Wednesday, 13 April 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. Registration is required and available at the following address: <www.unitar.org/event/new-york>. For queries related to registration, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail info@unitarny.org/falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196). For queries related to the course programme, please contact Mr. François Richard, UNITAR (e-mail francois.richard@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

Special meeting on "Prevention of terrorism"
Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, supported by the Council of Europe, will hold a special meeting with international, regional and subregional organizations, on "Prevention of terrorism", from Tuesday, 19, to Thursday, 21 April 2011, at the headquarters of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France. Member States that are not members of the Security Council are invited to participate as observers. The provisional agenda can be consulted at <www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/specialmeetings/2011/index.html>.

For information concerning substantive issues, please contact Mr. David Scharia, Legal Officer, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) (e-mail scharia@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1092). Questions concerning administrative issues may be addressed to Ms. Liv Tigerstedt, Associate Political Affairs Officer, CTED (e-mail tigerstedt@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1261).

Announcements

Training for members of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for members of permanent missions, to be held in Room DC2-1142, as indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Official Document System (ODS)

In English:
Tuesday, 22 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology

issues and the quality of services rendered. The first round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in April 2011, in Conference Room D (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 26 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 26 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 27 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 27 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 28 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 28 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 17 March 2011

Security Council

6496th meeting

The situation in Somalia

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Somalia, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2011/140, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2011/140) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2011/140) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1972 (2011).

6497th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2011/120)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Australia, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan and Turkey, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Staffan de Mistura, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the

Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Pedro Serrano, Acting Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Afghanistan.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. de Mistura.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Lebanon, South Africa, the United States, Portugal, India, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, France, Gabon, the Russian Federation, Colombia, Brazil and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of China.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Turkey, Canada, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Australia.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Pedro Serrano, speaking on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, which aligned themselves with this statement.

Mr. de Mistura responded to comments.

6498th meeting

The situation in Libya

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2011/142, submitted by France, Lebanon, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

Prior to the vote, a statement was made by H.E. Mr. Alain Juppé, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2011/142) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2011/142) received 10 votes in favour, none against and 5 abstentions (Brazil, China, Germany, India and Russian Federation) and was adopted as resolution 1973 (2011).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Lebanon, the United Kingdom, Germany, the United States, India, Brazil, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, the Russian Federation, Portugal, Nigeria and South Africa, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of China.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

331st meeting

The Chair made a statement on a number of activities which had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee.

The situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and developments in the political process

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Report of the United Nations International Meeting on the Question of Palestine, held at the United Nations Office at Vienna, on 7 and 8 March 2011

The Chair made a statement.

United Nations Latin American and Caribbean Meeting in Support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace and United Nations Meeting of Civil Society in Support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace, Montevideo, 29–31 March 2011 (Working Paper No. 2)

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee approved Working Paper No. 2.

The Chair bid farewell to the Permanent Representative of Malaysia.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Other matters

The Permanent Representative of Malaysia made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, New York, 18 December 2002

Declaration: Bosnia and Herzegovina (16 March 2011)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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